REMARKS

Applicant hereby responds to the Office Action dated September 22, 2004 in the above-referenced patent application. Claims 1-53 are pending in the above-referenced patent application. All of the claims were rejected. Specifically, Claims 1-5, 8-22, 25-40, 43-53 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatenable over USPN 6,466,971 to Humpleman et al. ("Humpleman") in view of USPN 6,011,909 to Newlin et al. ("Newlin"). Claims 6-7, 23-24 and 41-42 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Humpleman in view of Newlin and further in view of USPN 6,101,530 to Rosenberg at el. ("Rosenberg").

Rejection of Claims 1-53 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is respectfully traversed because the references, alone or in combination, do not disclose all of the claimed limitations.

Further, Humpleman was invented by employees of Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., and the inventors assigned the original application to Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., as set forth in the Patent Assignment recorded May 7, 1999 at reel 009965, frame 0338. The above-captioned patent application was also invented by employees of Samsung Electronics, Co., Ltd., and the inventors assigned the captioned patent application as set forth in the Patent Assignment recorded on August 4, 2000 at reel 011008, frame 0617.

Applicant certifies that the subject matter of Humpleman and the claimed invention of the

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above-captioned application were, at the time the claimed invention of the captioned application was made, owned by or subject to an obligation of assignment to Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. Subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under one or more of sections (e), (f) and (g) of Section 102, shall not preclude patentability under Section 103 where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person. 35 U.S.C. 103(a). As a result, Humpleman cannot be used to sustain the rejections in the Office Action. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of Claims 1-53 should be withdrawn. If Humpleman is not removed as a reference, Applicant reserves the right to present further arguments in support of allowability of Claims 1-53.

Conclusion

For these and other reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of the claims should be withdrawn, and all of the claims be allowed. Accordingly, reexamination, reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested.

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